

ORIENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE RELIGION

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SUBJECT OF LECTURE
SUNDAY EVENING

Oct. 7th

AT 8:15

“THE
SACRED SCIENCE”

WEDNESDAY
EVENING

Oct. 10th

AT 8:15

“THE DEVELOPMENT
OF WILL-POWER”

The rank and file of humanity are content to ascend the mount of Evolution by the long and circuitous path, impelled onward by the force of the Universal Life.

But here and there we find a great soul, who, not content to receive all and give little, feels within him a great love and yearning to aid somewhat the flow of this wondrous life, to give himself unreservedly to the service of the Great Power and of his fellow-men.

To such we say: The Path of Probation upon which you would enter is steep but glorious, it leads to the summit by the shortest way which is safe to follow.

It has five qualifications or stages of moral growth and the would-be disciple must progress, by the force of his will, far along these paths before he can hope to be received within the Portal of Initiation.

1. The first of these stages brings him experiences which teach him the impermanence of earthly aims; to live, not in the present, not in the future, but in the Eternal.

2. He next learns to be indifferent to the fruits of his own actions; with humility recognizing that it is God alone who gives the increase.

3. From out of humility comes control of mind, thought and conduct, tolerance, endurance, concentrated effort.

4. And back of all these efforts there burns ever brighter and stronger an intense desire for a closer union with the Highest.

5. In the fifth stage all his experiences tend to strengthen his Will-Power, so that he may triumph over the lower nature, and have the power to open wide the first of the gates which lead to Wisdom.

Questions asked in the After-talk:

What is the difference between Indifference and Poise?

Has there ever been a woman Saviour?

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